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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Joseph C. CAUTHEN, III)
Application No.: 10/075,615) Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: February 15, 2002) Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay
For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS) Confirmation No.: 2841
RECONSTRUCTION METHOD)
AND SPINAL DISC ANNULUS)
STENT)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b)

Further to the request of Examiner Chattopadhyay, Applicants submit the enclosed Substitute Specification, excluding claims and the Abstract, in clean form. This substitute specification represents the specification as amended by the Preliminary Amendment of April 16, 2002, which was approved by the Examiner in the Official Action of August 29, 2003.

Because all amendments have been approved, and because the substitute specification does not accompany any amendments to the claims, and further to the instructions of the Examiner, no marked up version is believed required.

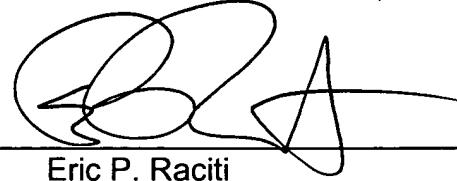
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b), Applicants state that the substitute specification includes no new matter.

No fees are believed due. Please charge any required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 28, 2004

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